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CHILD LABOUR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken to check child labour in the country;

(b) whether the help of Non-Governmental Organisations has been sought for eradication of child labour;

(c) if so, whether a survey to assess the enormity of the problem has been conducted in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a) & (b): The Government of India has been implementing two schemes for the benefit of children withdrawn from work namely the Scheme of National Child Labour Projects(NCLPs) and the Scheme of Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations. The major activity under the NCLP is the running of special schools/centres largely through Non-Government Organisations, for rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work through non-formal education, vocational training, nutrition, health care, stipends etc. Under the Scheme of Grants-in-aid, Non Government Organisations are assisted directly for taking up projects for the rehabilitation of child labour.

(c) & (d): Authentic information on child labour in the country is generated by the decennial census. According to the 1991 census, the number of working children in India is 11.28 million. The figures of the 2001 census have not been published.